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BATHING SUIT REMOVABLE WHILE DRESSED

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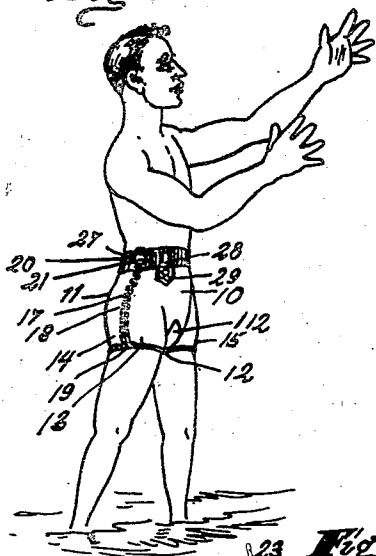


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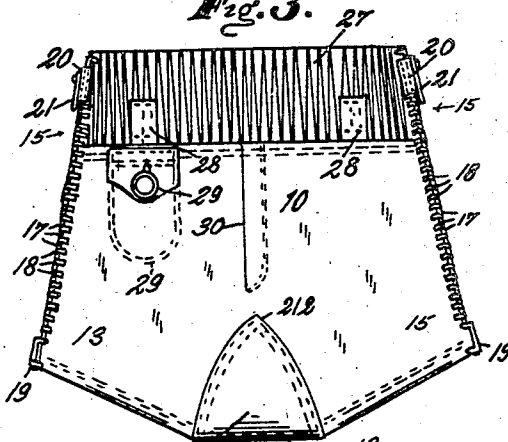


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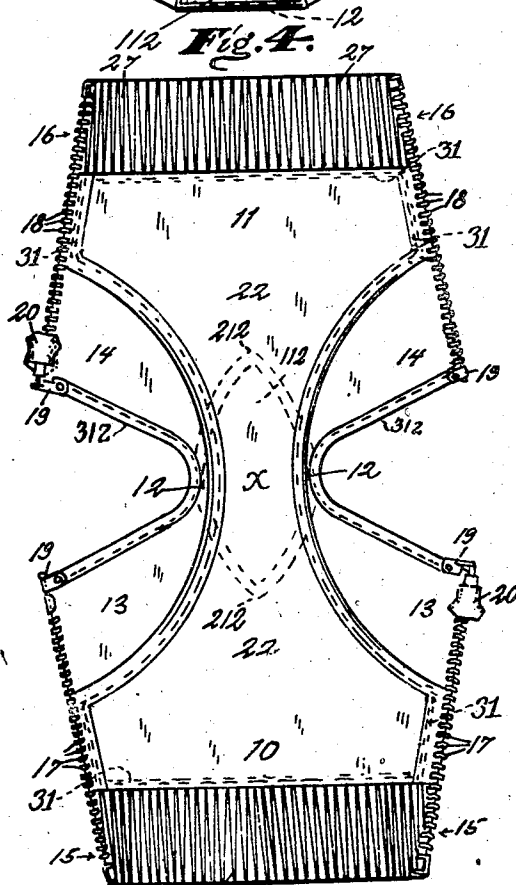


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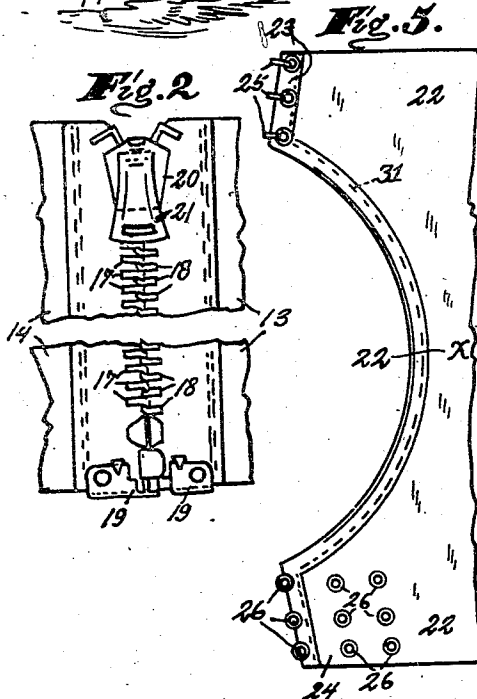
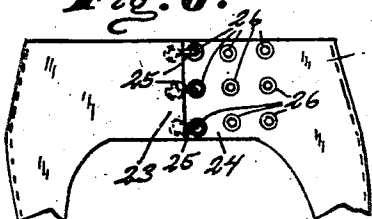


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This invention relates to an improvement in a bathing suit, and the principal object is to provide a suit that can be placed on or removed from a person while he is dressed or sufficiently clothed to avoid indecent exposure while preparing to take a public plunge or dressing afterwards. To that end, I provide a bathing suit the upper end portion of which terminates at the waist in a two-piece elastic band, and at the sides is split centrally in vertical slits down over the hips with the adjacent edges thereof provided with latching detachable metal fasteners which, when connected and latched, hold the slits fully closed and the suit snugly fitted to a person's body; and which when unlatched and disconnected permits the suit to be placed on or removed while the body is fully clothed. That is, when the suit is placed on or removed, the back body portion is first extended through the crotch and then is brought up and fitted around the back of the body with the hip and side portions thereof joining the edges of the hip and side portions of the front body portion, after which the edges are detachably connected by metal fasteners and latched. These fasteners are commonly known in the trade as "Zippers".

It is obvious that when so arranged and secured the bathing suit will cover the crotch, hip, and waist portions of a body from objectional exposure, so that the usual covering can be removed.

It is also obvious that after a person has finished bathing he can then put on his usual clothing, after which the bathing suit fasteners are unlatched and disconnected and the suit removed by catching it either at the front or back and then drawing it out between the wearer's legs and from under the usual clothing.

Another object of the invention is to provide an inner crotch cover for a bathing suit that can be sewed into the suit, or if preferred can be used separately; and when used separately is adjustable around a person's waist and attachable above the hips so that it can also be put on or off while a person is clothed.

A feature of invention is shown in providing a bathing suit of exceedingly neat and pleasing appearance, that is formed compactly and also strongly reinforced at the crotch or narrowest portion of the garment; and the edges of the crotch portions of the garment are hemmed so they are very strong, and are also curved so the outer one fits snugly around the wearer's legs and the inner one holds the body privates from unsightly protrusion.

Other objects, advantages and features of in-

vention may appear from the accompanying drawing, the subjoined detailed description and the appended claims.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the invention, in which many parts are indicated semi-diagrammatically.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bathing suit that is constructed in accordance with this invention, showing it in use.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmental side view showing the preferred form of detachable edge fasteners employed.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged front view of the bathing suit analogous to that shown in Fig. 1 with the edges of the hip portions connected as they would be when the suit is in use.

Fig. 4 is a view analogous to Fig. 3, with the side fasteners disconnected and the front portion of the garment folded down to show the inner and outer crotch covers, and also showing the open position of the suit when ready to be placed on or removed from a wearer.

Fig. 5 is a fragmental view of a modified form of an inner crotch piece disconnected from the suit and provided with a plurality of hook and eye fasteners, whereby it can be adjustably secured to a person's waist.

Fig. 6 is a fragmental view of the upper portion of the modified form of an inner crotch cover showing a hook and eye fastener connection on one side thereof.

In detail the bathing suit includes the front and rear portions 10 and 11 that are integral with the short outer crotch cover 12. The parts 10 and 11 are similar as to length, width and general form except that the front part is preferably provided with a buttoned pocket 29 and a false slit 30. The parts 10 and 11 are cut so they form the integral hip portions 13 and 14 and sides 15 and 16.

The adjacent edges of the hip and side portions are provided with complementary metal fasteners 17 and 18 by which the adjacent edges are connected when the garment is worn and are disconnected when it is to be removed.

These fasteners are of usual construction and are shown in the drawing only for the purpose of illustration it being understood that any fastener adapted to latch and form a metal seam that can be completely separated as by the manipulation of a sliding body from end to end of a slit, may be used.

As best illustrated in Figure 2 this form of fastener includes the separable support 19 at its lower end and the usual slide body 20 by which

the complementary parts 17 and 18 are brought together in an interlocking manner, and separated by a reverse movement; and the body 20 is provided with the usual latching lever 21 which is operated in the usual way to hold the body in a fixed position or to release it so it can be moved to disconnect the parts 17 and 18. No claim is made for this fastener apart from its use in connection with this bathing suit consequently it is not shown and described in complete detail, it being understood that its purpose is to detachably latch and hold the adjacent edges of the portions 13 and 14 and 17 and 18 together when the garment is in use, and completely separable when the garment is to be removed.

The bathing suit is provided with an inner crotch cover 22 which can be sewed into the garment as best shown in Figure 4; or if desired, this inner cover 22 can be formed and worn separately as fragmentally indicated in Figures 5 and 6.

As seen therein the adjacent edges 23 and 24 that extend centrally and vertically over a person's hips and sides are provided with the hooks 25 and eyelets 26 so they can be easily and quickly secured to hold the cover in place, and preferably there are a plurality of the sets of eyelets 26 so the waist portion of the cover can be properly adjusted around the wearer's waist. The inner crotch cover is narrower at the crotch than the outer crotch cover; and its ends are extended sidewise to the full width of the suit; and has the ends and side edges secured by sewing to the waist of the bathing suit. These extended ends are arranged to completely encircle a person's body at the waist line to reinforce the suit and also to aid in supporting the weight of the inner crotch cover when wet.

The top portion 27 of the waist is formed of elastic material and is also provided with belt straps 28 so a person can wear a belt if so desired.

Also I provide a buttoned pocket 29 in the front of the garment in which valuables such as rings can be placed for safe keeping while bathing.

I also provide a false slit 30 down the front portion of the garment to enhance its appearance.

In use the bathing suit is inserted under a person's usual clothing and between the legs with the front and back portions thereof brought up and secured around the body as described.

The outer crotch cover 12 is preferably reinforced with an elliptical shaped patch 112 that has its pointed end portions 212 extended upward some distance over the front and back parts 10 and 11. Also this outer crotch cover is slightly wider than the narrowest portion of the inner crotch cover 22, and its opposite semi-elliptical edges are reinforced with hems 312, and curved so they fit snugly around the upper portions of a wearer's thighs. The inner crotch cover is arranged to hold the privates up in close contact with the body to avoid unsightly protrusions.

Preferably the inner crotch cover has its end portions the same width as the parts 10 and 11 and extended up to the elastic portions 27; and are secured at their ends to the portions 10 and 11 by stitches 31, so the center portion of the inner cover can swing or move independently of the body portion of the suit and outer crotch cover.

The edges of the crotch cover are preferably hemmed and curved in toward a center point X as best shown in Figures 4 and 5.

It is obvious that the bathing suit can be removed while clothed by a reversal of the foregoing described actions in placing the suit in use.

What I claim is:

1. A bathing suit that has its upper end terminating at the waist in a two-piece elastic band, said suit being so constructed that it can be placed on and removed while the wearer is fully clothed, and including a front body portion secured to one of said elastic bands and adapted to extend half way around the lower part of the wearer's body and hips, a back body portion, that is of substantially the same width, length and form as the front portion secured to the second elastic band and adapted to extend around the other half portion of the wearer's body and hips, detachable metal fasteners for connecting the adjacent side edges of said suit into a closed metal seam, an outer crotch cover integral with the lower parts of said front and back portions of said suit, and an inner crotch cover having a narrow center portion and having ends of substantially the same width as the lower edges of said elastic half-bands and joined edge to edge therewith so that the narrow center portion of said inner crotch cover is held centrally above said outer crotch cover substantially as described.

2. A bathing suit that has its upper end terminating at the waist in a two-piece elastic band, said suit being so constructed that it can be placed on and removed while the wearer is fully clothed, and including a front body portion secured to one of said elastic bands and adapted to extend half way around the lower part of a wearer's body and hips, a back body portion, that is of substantially the same length, width and form as the front portion secured to the second elastic band and adapted to extend around the other half of the wearer's body, detachable metal latching fasteners for joining the adjacent edges of the suit, edge to edge, in a metal seam, an outer crotch cover integral with the front and back portions of said suit, an elliptical reinforcing strip secured centrally and on the outside of said outer crotch cover, an inner crotch cover narrower than said outer cover and having end portions of the same width as the upper edge of said front and rear body portions of said suit and secured thereto so that its center portion is free to move independently of the body portion of the suit and outer crotch cover thereof.

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